

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
Serve DC

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Engaging Youth in “Exploring the Past, Present and Future of their Neighborhoods”

**K-12 Learn and Serve America School-Based Grants**

**Summary:** Serve DC announces the availability of K-12 Learn and Serve School-Based grant funds for fiscal year 2005 to eligible organizations to support high-quality service-learning projects. Learn and Serve America creates opportunities for youth to serve and help their communities through volunteerism. Proposed projects will allow youth an opportunity to explore the past, present and future of their neighborhoods while serving their communities. Applicants will be encouraged to develop service-learning programs that give youth an opportunity to canvass and map their own communities; research the histories of their neighborhoods; identify community assets and needs in order to develop service learning projects; and find the people, organizations and systems that make their communities stronger such as city council members and various government offices.

**Criteria for eligible applicants:** Eligible applicants are K-12 public and public charter schools, private/independent schools and community and faith based organizations that may provide after-school programming in collaboration with local schools for School-Based projects. All projects must operate a program within the District of Columbia. Projects that operate in designated Hot Spots will receive extra points. For Hot Spot locations, please visit [www.serve.dc.gov](http://www.serve.dc.gov)

An organization described in Section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. 501 (c) (4), that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for members, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program. **Individuals are not eligible to apply.**

All eligible applicants must meet all of the applicable requirements contained in the application guidelines and instructions. The Request for Application (RFA) will be released on May 3, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. **The deadline for submission is June 8, 2004 at 5:00 pm.**

Technical assistance sessions schedule is as follows: May 11, 2004 and May 13, 2004. All interested applicants must register and attend the technical assistance session. Please call John Savage at 202-727-7925 to RSVP for a training session. Technical Assistance sessions will be posted on our website at [www.serve.dc.gov](http://www.serve.dc.gov).

The DC Commission on National and Community Service anticipates awarding grants up to \$12,000 for School-Based grants. The actual number and dollar amount of the awards will depend on the number of approved applications received.

Applications can be obtained from 441 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 1040S, Washington, DC 20001 or our website at [www.serve.dc.gov](http://www.serve.dc.gov). For additional information please call Lucila Lagace, Director of National Service, at 202/727-7937.

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